

## **Conservative Group amendment to motion about rescinding the Climate Emergency Declaration**

**Delete all words after** "This Council notes that on the 3rd April 2019 the then Conservative led Newcastle under-Lyme Borough Council declared a climate emergency"

and replace with:

### **This Council:**

1. Notes the new administration's desire to rescind the Climate Emergency Declaration made by Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council in 2019.
2. Reaffirms Council's commitment to protecting and enhancing the natural environment, mitigating the impacts of our changing climate where appropriate, recognising the Council's existing legal duties and powers, whilst continuing to focus on reducing waste, improving efficiency and delivering value for money for residents, businesses and the Council.
3. Requests that Cabinet first develop and bring forward a new Sustainable Environment Strategy for Newcastle-under-Lyme, together with supporting action plans, setting out practical measures to Improve the local environment; Reduce littering and fly-tipping; Increase recycling, Protect and enhance parks, green spaces and biodiversity and deliver environmental improvements in a way that provides value for money for taxpayers.
4. Notes that the Council's work in this area will continue to be informed by the statutory framework and powers available to local authorities, including:
  - Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004;
  - Climate Change Act 2008;
  - Transport Act 2000;
  - Local Transport Act 2008;
  - Flood and Water Management Act 2010;
  - Localism Act 2011;
  - Environment Act 2021.

**Proposed:** Councillor Simon Tagg

**Seconded:** Councillor David Hutchison